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APPLICANT: William J. Curatolo, et al. :Examiner: B. Fubara

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above application on September 13, 2006. Applicants' opening brief was accordingly due, without extension, on or before November 13, 2006.

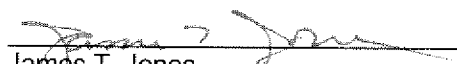
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for filing Applicants' opening brief be extended by three (4) month(s), such that the term for response is extended to March 13, 2007.

It is noted that, in lieu of filing an opening brief, Applicants' have filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment responsive to the Final Office Action dated mailed on March 13, 2006 and to the Advisory Action mailed on February 1, 2007.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$1,590.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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